

ARGUS AD TO SANTA FUND

Christmas is but 16 days away. There are numerous persons in Rock Island who plan to donate to the Argus Santa Claus fund. The committee in charge does not want to be understood as urging anyone to do so. It is not the policy of the committee to feel particularly grateful to its friends this year, for they have given more money than there has been demand for labor than there is money. At present there are any number of families with the breadwinner idle. This makes a gloomy outlook for the little ones in many households.

The aim of The Argus Santa Claus is to insure poor kiddies in Rock Island against Christmas loneliness. The committee has a long list of names of children residing in all parts of the city. The work of checking over the names has been going on for the last few weeks. The committee has almost completed its work, but it will be on the job until the delivery of gifts the day before Christmas. If there are any poor children in Rock Island who may not be assured of a happy Christmas, the committee is anxious of having their names and addresses. If you know of a child that is in danger of disappointment on the coming holiday, you are requested to communicate with The Argus Santa Claus. Also, if it is your purpose to help swell the poor children's fund, you are asked to send your donation without delay, as the committee wishes to have its subscriptions completed as far as possible before beginning its purchasing trip. The gifts for the youngsters, as has been the custom in the past, are all to be new. The Argus Santa Claus does not handle second-hand articles. However, it is very glad to accept donations of things for children's gifts; providing they are new.

A lady residing in Black Hawk township, who desired that her name not be published, brought a quantity of popcorn to The Argus committee for distribution among the poor children. She also left quantities of the corn at Bethany home and the West End Settlement.

Additional contributions to The Argus Santa Claus fund have been received from the following: Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Graves, 1600 Twelfth avenue; Tullie Hillier, Coal Valley; Mrs. Corda, Coal Valley; G. W. Ackley, 847 Twenty-first street; Independence camp 26, Modern Woodmen; Rock Island camp 29, Modern Woodmen; Beale Bancher,

1545 Thirtieth street; Margaret M. Jones, 204, Ladies' Auxiliary, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Daughters of Norway, 47 W. Twenty-first street; and "Blossoms of Youth" local 115.

The Argus Santa Claus committee would be glad to hear from owners of automobiles who would be willing to donate the use of their cars the day before Christmas. In other years the committee has been favored in this regard and it hopes that its friends will not disappoint this year. When cars are contributed for the delivery of gifts there is a considerable saving of the committee funds. One car has been offered thus far. Several more will be needed. After all, it's for the poor kiddies. The favor is not to the committee entirely, for the committee is working for the little folks.

PUT TREASURY SECURITIES ON SALE BY JAN. 1

Postoffice Gets Notice That Government Saving Certificates to Be Issued Soon.

The Rock Island postoffice has received its first advice relative to the 1921 issue of treasury savings securities, which includes the treasury savings certificates in \$1,000 and \$100 denominations, the \$5 war savings stamps and the 25-cent thrift stamps. These securities will be augmented by issue of \$1 treasury savings stamp, which will be non-interest bearing, and a \$25 treasury savings certificate. The new \$1 stamp will be bright red in color, imprinted on a green tint and will bear the portrait of Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the treasury.

The \$25 certificate will be similar in design and terms of the \$100 and \$1,000 certificates, and will supply a medium whereby the accumulated \$1 stamps may be converted into a registered government security, bearing interest at 4 per cent, compounded quarterly, exempt from all local and state taxes and from the normal federal income tax.

The issuance of the new denominations should not be construed as in any manner doing away with the sales of the \$5 war savings stamp, the 1921 issue of which will be orange in color, bearing the portrait of Lincoln, and the 25-cent thrift stamp which will be unchanged.

The treasury department in continuing the sale of government savings securities feels that as time goes on the continuous sale of the securities will play an increasingly important part in the current financing of the government. The issuance of \$1 and \$25 securities places the treasury savings movement on a solid peace-time basis.

The new issue will be placed on sale Jan. 1, 1921, and may be purchased at all postoffices, from letter carriers, or at any bank.

FORCE WORKING TO RERATE FOR HIGHER CHARGE

Four of City Employees Shifted to AM Water Department—Making Count of Fixtures.

Arrangements have been made by Commissioner John A. Harris, in charge of the department of public property, to give part time employment to four of the present city employees of other departments.

The rerating of the city on flat rate water rents will begin immediately and three inspectors and the assistant superintendent of streets are to aid in the work, which will take a considerable time.

Assistant Superintendent of Streets John T. Stephens, employed in the department of streets and public improvements, and Plumbing Inspector Frank Yerbury, Electrical Inspector William Mc-

Neely and Building Inspector John A. Lindsay will have little work to perform in their present departments this winter and will give their remaining time to Commissioner Harris. What time they do put in at their regular employment will be paid for out of funds appropriated for that purpose, and what work they perform for Commissioner Harris will be paid for out of the waterworks fund. The employees will receive the same salaries, but the amounts will come out of two different funds.

In addition to these four men the waterworks department has one regular man in its employ and an outsider has been also employed, which will make the rerating force number six members.

The force will make a full check of new installations made in the last ten years at properties where water rent is paid for by the flat rate—that is, where no meters are installed. The rents are charged in proportion to the number of fixtures, automobiles, horses, etc. When the work is completed the new bills going out will carry extra charges on water rent in proportion to the number of additions since the last rerating was made ten years ago.

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TODAY—LAST TIME
WALLACE REID
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A rip-roaring Educational comedy
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The merriest marital mixup since Eve was a bride.
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COMING FRIDAY
WM. FARNUM
—IN—
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Tonight, 8:15
Last time to see
**WM. BRACK AND
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Extra Added Feature
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Two reel Sunshine comedy
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—THURSDAY—FRIDAY
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BERT LYTELL
—IN—
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EXTRA—LOOK—EXTRA
Starting Sunday for 3 Days
Six reel comedy drama
"SO LONG LETTY"
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